

BINGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2023 - 2038)
PLANNING & COMPUSLORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS AMENDED)
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (AS AMENDED)
REGULATION 19 DECISION STATEMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This statement gives notice that City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) has decided to make (adopt) the Bingley Neighbourhood Development Plan (2023 to 2030) (the Plan) under section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017), and under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.2. In accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), following a positive referendum result on 16th July 2026, the Bingley Neighbourhood Development Plan (2023 to 2038) is part of the adopted Development Plan for City of Bradford Metropolitan District, and given full weight in determining planning applications within the neighbourhood area.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A formal Neighbourhood Area application was submitted to CBMDC on 10th July 2017. The application which covered the entire Bingley Town Council area was approved by the Council's on 30th August 2017.
- 2.2. Since then, the Neighbourhood Plan has been subjected to extensive community consultation as well as input and assistance from Council officers.
- 2.3. Two formal periods of community and stakeholder engagement took place under the requirements of Regulations 14 and 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The first was led by the qualifying body (Bingley Town Council) and took place between 12th February and 4th April 2024, whilst the second was led by CBMDC following the submission of the draft plan, running from 21st July to 1st September 2025.
- 2.4. CBMDC engaged Andrew Freeman of Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPe) Ltd to undertake the Independent Examination of the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in line with Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.5. The final report, issued by the Examiner on 11th March 2026 recommended that, subject to several modifications, the plan should proceed to Referendum as, when modified, it would meet the basic conditions and comply with other relevant legislation. It can be viewed at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/255ntvr2/1-bingley-neighbourhood-development-plan-examiners-report-110326.pdf>
- 2.6. The decision to proceed to a referendum in the approved neighbourhood area was made by CBMDC's Executive at its meeting on 14th April 2026.

- 2.7. To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which posed the question, “*Do you want City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Bingley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*” was held in the area formally designated as the Bingley Neighbourhood Area on Thursday 16th July 2026. The results of the referendum were as follows:

	Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of “Yes”	2,915	85%
Number cast in favour of “No”	499	15%

- 2.8. The declaration can be viewed on the council’s website:
<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgElectionAreaResults.aspx?ID=921&RPID=62219072>

3. DECISION & REASONING

- 3.1. CBMDC has assessed that the plan, including its preparation, meets basic conditions, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligations or any of the Conventions rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.2. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by Section 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 requires that the Council must “make” the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of plan.
- 3.3. In line with the decision-making process established by CBMDC’s Executive at its meeting of 9th March 2012 (amended on 23rd June 2015 and updated on 6th February 2018), the Assistant Director – Planning, Transportation and Highways in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration and Planning on 28th July 2026 agreed for the Plan to be made.

4. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

- 4.1. Copies of this statement and the “Made” Bingley Neighbourhood Development Plan, Appendices, Policies Map, and supporting evidence documents are available on the Council’s website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=%5CBingley>
- 4.2. They are also available for inspection at the following locations:
- [City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Customer Service Centre, City Hall, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY](#)
 - [City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD](#)
 - [Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD21 3SX](#)
- 4.3. This statement is also being sent to:
- The qualifying body, namely Bingley Town Council

- To any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

5. MORE INFORMATION

- 5.1. For more information about the Bingley Neighbourhood Development Plan, please contact the Local Plan Team on (01274) 433679 or E-mail planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk.

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